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SUBJECT: BHUTTO'S FEBRUARY VISIT

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1. IN THINKING BACK ON MAY TALK LAST NIGHT WITH BHUTTO ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE OF HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO WASHINGTON, I THINK IT IS ALSO FAIR TO SAY THAT HE WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT THE WHILE THING WOULD BE OVER IN ONE DAY. THIS IS NOT IN ANY WAY TO SAY THAT HE WOULD FEEL THAT THE PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY SHOULD DEVOTE ANY MORE TIME TO HIM THAN IS NOW SCHEDULED. I THINK WHAT HE HAD IN MIND WAS LACK OF TIME FOR ANY PRIVATE MEETINGS WHICH HE MIGHT LIKE TO ARRANGE HIMSELF, POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THEIR GROWN CHILDREN IN THE STATES, ETC.

- 2. IN THINKING ABOUT THIS THIS MORNING, I WONDER IF THERE WOULD BE OBJECTIONS TO LETTING ALL THE PLANS STAY EXACTLY AS THEY ARE NOW, BUT LETTING BHUTTO STAY ON IN BLAIR HOUSE IF HE WISHED THROUGH THE 6TH AND GIVING A RECEPTION ON THE NIGHT OF THE 6TH. THIS WOULD AT LEAST LET HIM INVITE MANY CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS THAT HE KNOWS AND OTHER IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN THE WASHINGTON AREA.
- 3. QUITE APART FROM THE ABOVE, I ALSO WONDER HOW YOU WOULD FEEL ABOUT BHUTTO STAYING IN THE STATES A DAY OR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TWO MORE (I AM CERTAIN HE WOULD NOT WANT TO STAY LONGER)

IF HE SO DESIRES ENTIRELY ON HIS OWN. I HAVE NO DOUBT FOR INSTANCE THERE THERE ARE PRIVATE CITIZENS IN THE NEW YORK

AREA THAT WOULD BE DELIGHTED AT THE OPPORTUNITY OF DOING SOMETHING FOR THE BHUTTOS. AS AN EXAMPLE, DAVID AND PEGGY ROCKEFELLER WERE HERE RECENTLY AS QUESTS OF THE BHUTTOS. THERE ARE OTHERS THAT COME TO MIND. IF THEY DO STAY OVER AT ALL I THINK THEY WOULD PROBABLY LIKE TO DO HARVARD AND RADCLIFF POSSIBLY ALL IN ONE DAY.

4. IN ADDITION TO WANTING TO KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS, THE QUESTION COMES UP AS TO WHO SHOULD MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS. I DO NOT KNOW, FOR INSTANCE, WHETHER PROTOCOL WOULD TAKE THE VIEW THAT ANY OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY ENDS ON THE NIGHT OF THE 5TH. BHUTTO COULD OF COURSE ARRANGE ALL THESE THINGS THROUGH HIS AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON BUT COORDINATION WITH STATE WOULD CERTAINLY SEEM TO BE IN ORDER. I COULD, IF YOU HAVE NO OBJECTION, LET DAVID ROCKEFELLER KNOW THAT THE BHUTTOS MIGHT BE AVAILABLE IF INVITED TO SOMETHING ALTHOUGH COORDINATION WOULD BE BEST IF EVERYTHING COULD BE HANDLED BY STATE.

5. PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR THOUGHTS. AS BHUTTO WILL BE IN PROCESS OF TRYING TO LINE UP VISIT TO CANADA WHEN HE DEPARTS THE US, I NEED EARLIEST POSSIBLY REPLY. BYROADE

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